

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st March 2015

IRTS AGM Dinner and Rally – 25th/26th April-

Kilkenny 2015

Tickets for the IRTS AGM dinner, this year, held on Saturday 25th April at 7pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG via email on irtsagm/at/searg/dot/com. The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group hosts this year's event.

When booking your accommodation at the Hotel Kilkenny please use the code IRTS/SEARG RADIO to benefit from a reduced room rate. Hotel phone number is 056-7762000

The rally will be on Sunday 26th with doors opening at 11am and admission is €5. The Trade Show is geared towards a Radio, Electronics, Hobbies and Crafts Show, so there should be something for everyone. All are welcome.

Time to Return IRTS Trophies and Cups

Time to return all the trophies and cups presented at last years AGM in Galway.

Items can be given to any IRTS committee member by March 25th, or if more convenient returned to the IRTS stand at the Limerick Rally on March 29th, allowing time for any cleaning, repairs and up to date engraving.

Forthcoming radio rallies

The Limerick Radio Club will now hold their rally on Sunday 29th March 2015. Doors open at 11am. €5 admission and under sixteen's are free. For more details see www.limerickradioclub.ie

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club 34th Annual Rally will be held on Sunday 10th May at the Share Centre, Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh. Doors open at 11.30am. www.learc.eu

IRTS 2m Counties Contest

The IRTS 2m Counties Contest takes place on Monday 6th April 2015. The closing date for the submission of logs is 20th April.

SDR Net - On the Move

The South Dublin Radio Club Net (SDR Net), which has been operating, for over 2 years, on 40 meters on a Sunday morning following the IRTS 40 Meter News, is on the move. It will now be on 7.123MHz +/- QRM and will run from 10 am to 11 am, prior to the IRTS 40 Meter news.

All EIs are welcome to call-in and it is hoped that by having a fixed time, that this change will afford, other EI, especially those that may be waiting for the IRTS News will join in and help expand both the coverage and participation in the SDR Net.

2m Nets

South Eastern Amateur Radio Club will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the 2m band that has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency is 145.400MHz. To date there have many call-ins and everyone is welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club EI2FRC and Dermot EI2HD will continue their 2metre call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air to keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater.

WRTC 2014 Documentary Released

WRTC 2014 is a competition between two-person teams of amateur radio operators testing their skills to make contacts with other Amateur Radio operators around the world over a 24 hour period. Unlike most on-the-air competitions, all stations are required to use identical antennas from the same geographic region, eliminating all variables except operating ability. Follow the link to view the documentary <https://vimeo.com/119947598>

DX News

A group of Uruguayan amateurs are travelling to the Caribbean island of St Maarten

from 28 February until 9th March. They will sign PJ7C and be active on 80 – 10m SSB and CW. QSLs go via EB7DX.

Also in the Caribbean for the next week or two are PJ2/ON4BCV from Curacao, PJ4/DG1SGW from Bonaire and P4/WA2NHA from Aruba.

Toshi JA8BMK will be QRV as XV7BM in Vietnam until the end of March. QSL to his home call.

Nick G3RWF was originally active in Kenya as 5Z4LS in 1968-70. He has revisited Kenya several times over the years. Listen for his 5Z4LS signal from Nairobi from 5 – 18th March. The preferred QSL route is via Club Log OQRS.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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